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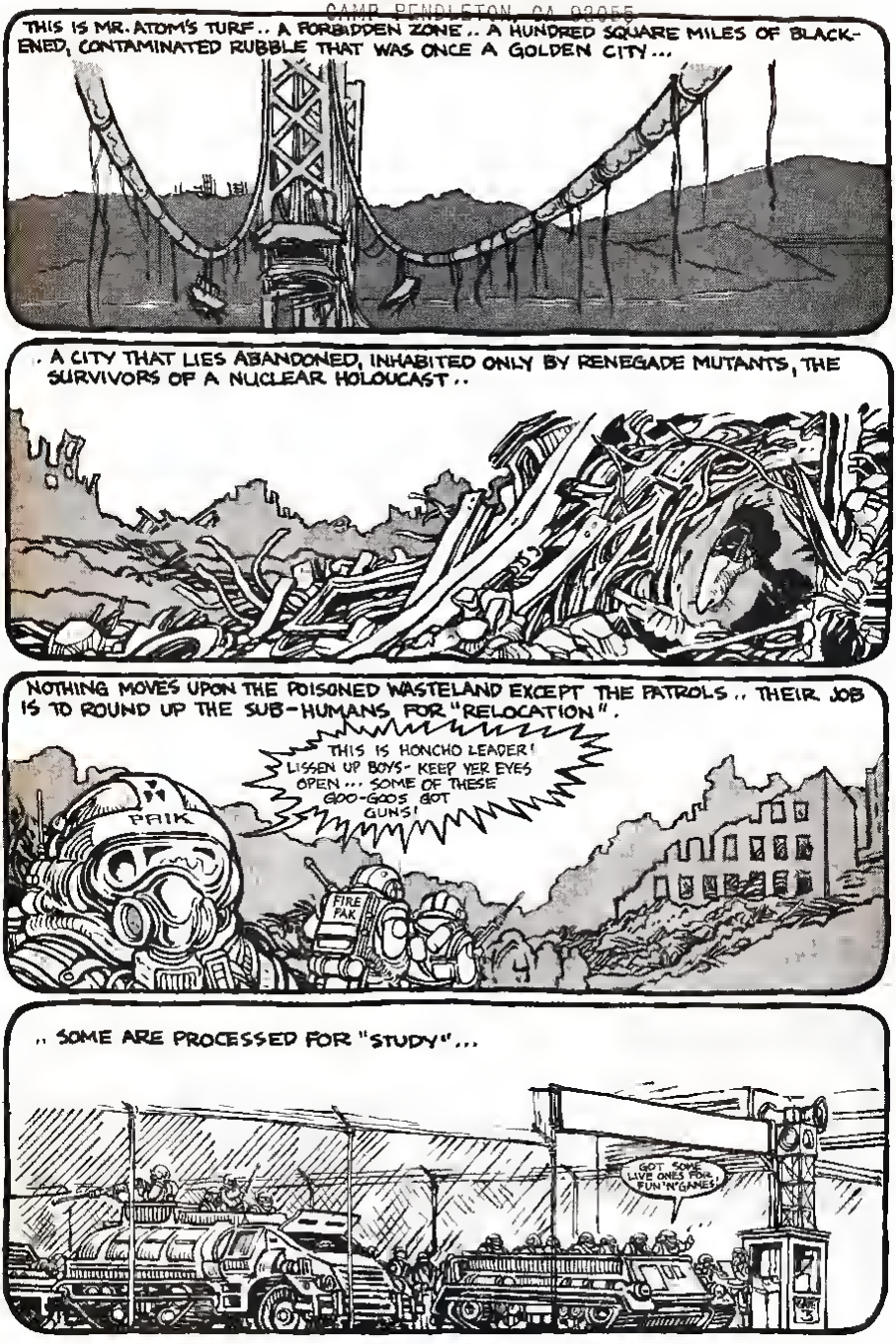
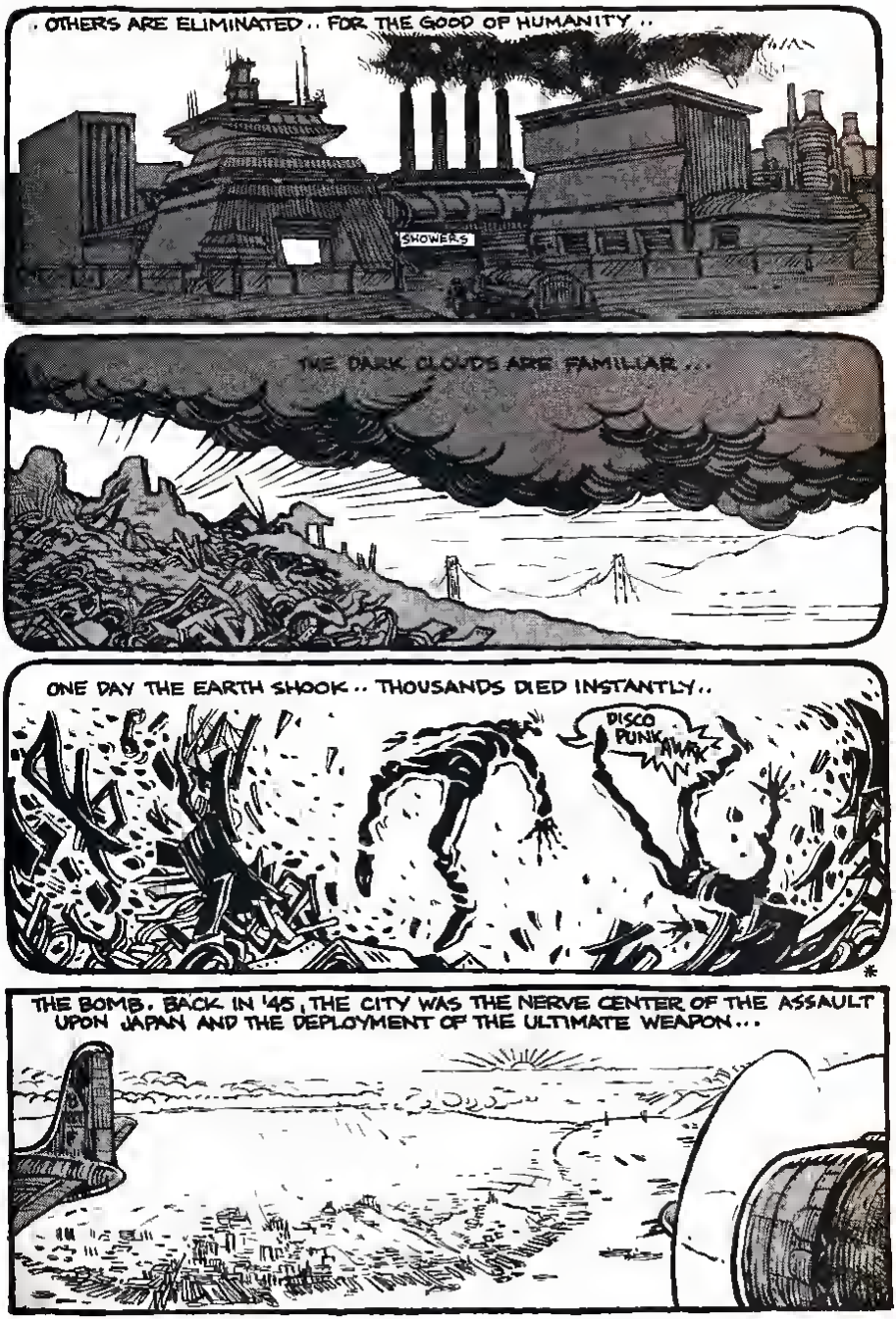
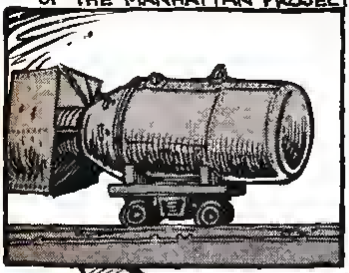
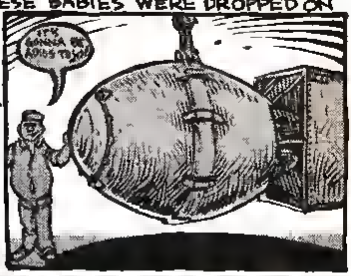
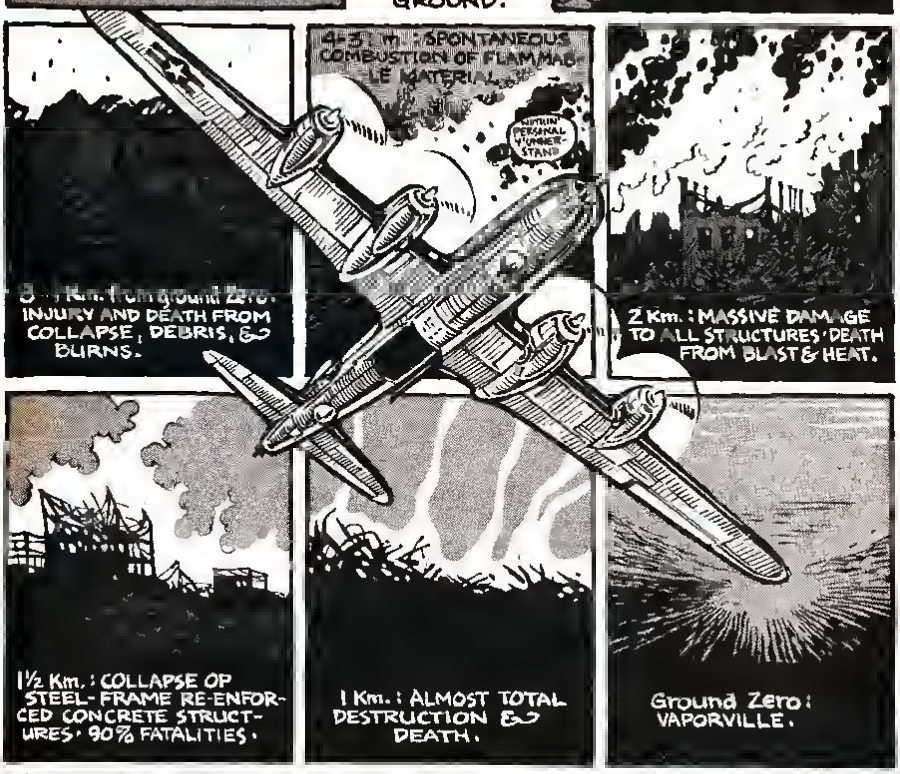


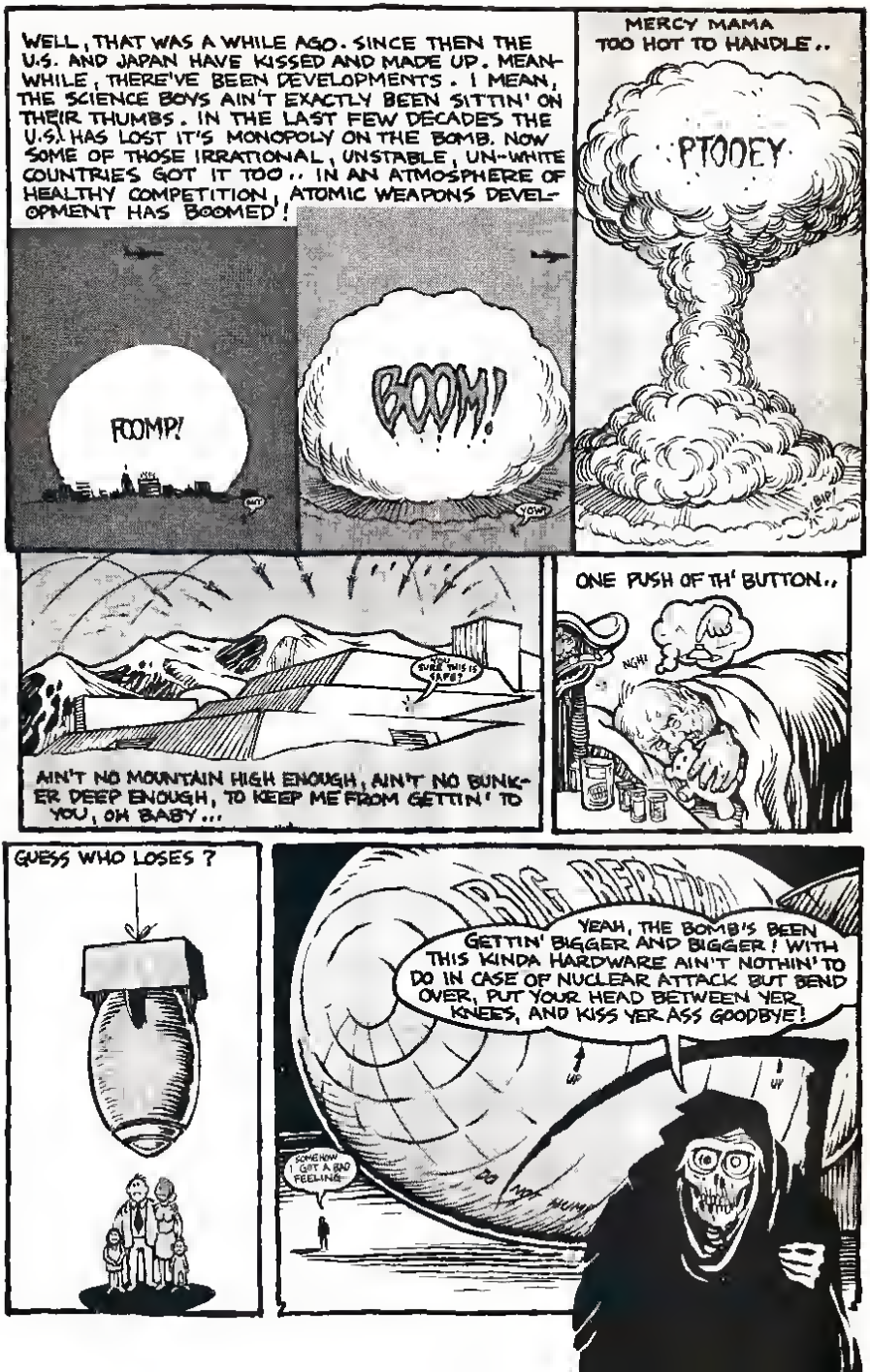

.. OTHERS ARE ELIMINATED .. FOR THE GOOD OF HUMANITY ..
SHOWERS
THE DARK CLOUDS ARE FAMILIAR ...
ONE DAY THE EARTH SHOOK .. THOUSANDS DIED INSTANTLY ..
DISCO PUNK
AWWK
THE BOMB. BACK IN '45, THE CITY WAS THE NERVE CENTER OF THE ASSAULT UPON JAPAN AND THE DEPLOYMENT OF THE ULTIMATE WEAPON ...

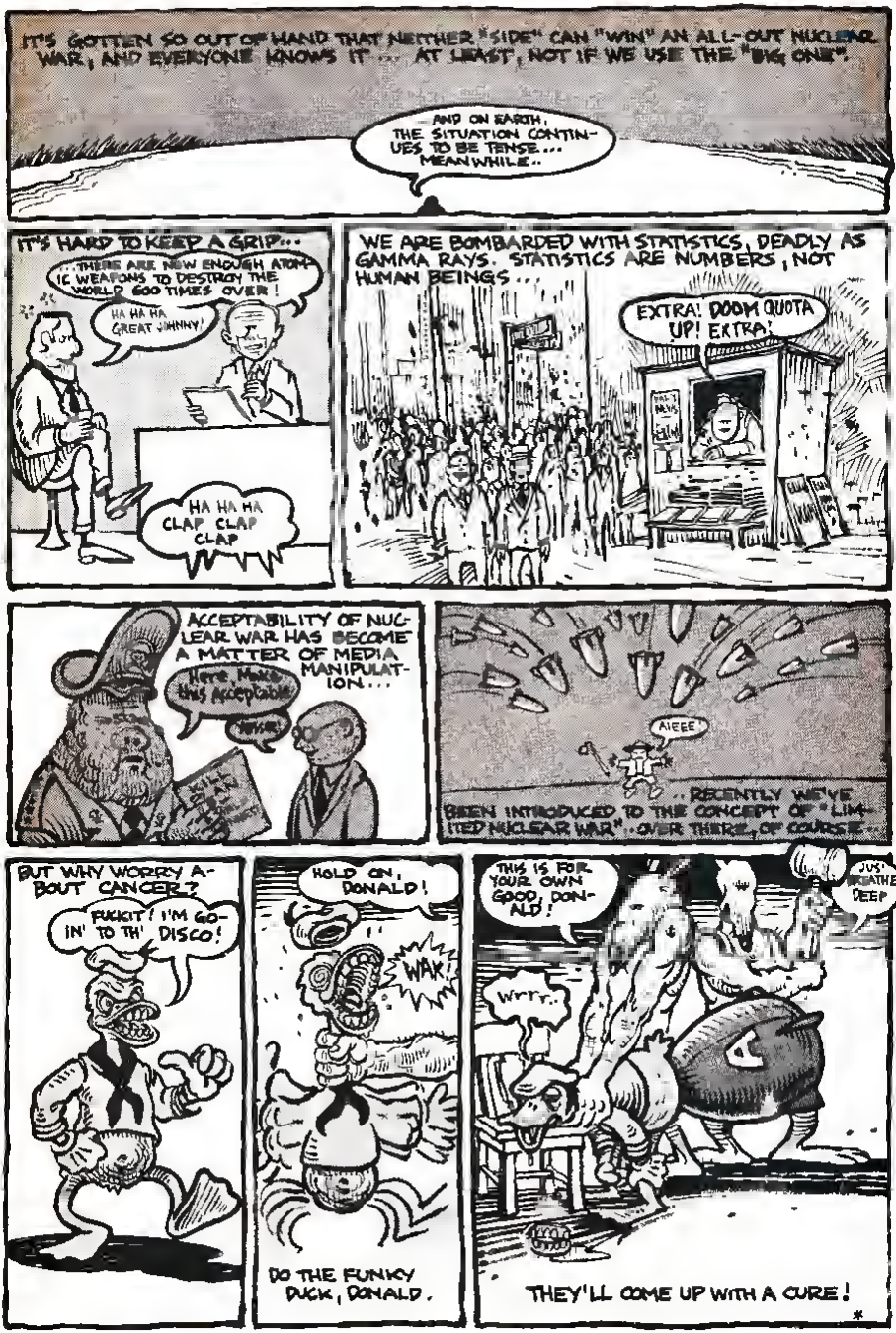
WHO WANTS TO THINK ABOUT THE TERRIBLE REALITY OF THE ATOMIC BOMB, MUCH LESS DISCUSS IT? MEET THE "LITTLE BOY" AND THE "FAT MAN", BRAIN CHILDREN OF THE MANHATTAN PROJECT. BY THE TIME THESE BABIES WERE DROPPED ON HIROSHIMA AND NAGASAKI, THERE WAS LITTLE DOUBT THAT JAPAN WAS PREPARED TO SURRENDER. THE U.S. JUST COULDN'T PASS UP THE OPPORTUNITY TO UTILIZE THE ULTIMATE TESTING GROUND.








WELL, THAT WAS A WHILE AGO. SINCE THEN THE U.S. AND JAPAN HAVE KISSED AND MADE UP. MEANWHILE, THERE'VE BEEN DEVELOPMENTS. I MEAN, THE SCIENCE BOYS AIN'T EXACTLY BEEN SITTIN' ON THEIR THUMBS. IN THE LAST FEW DECADES THE U.S. HAS LOST IT'S MONOPOLY ON THE BOMB. NOW SOME OF THOSE IRRATIONAL, UNSTABLE, UN-WHITE COUNTRIES GOT IT TOO.. IN AN ATMOSPHERE OF HEALTHY COMPETITION, ATOMIC WEAPONS DEVELOPMENT HAS BOOMED!
FOOMP!
BOOM!
MERCY MAMA TOO HOT TO HANDLE..
PTOOEY
BIP!
SURE THIS IS SAFE?
AIN'T NO MOUNTAIN HIGH ENOUGH, AIN'T NO BUNKER DEEP ENOUGH, TO KEEP ME FROM GETTIN' TO YOU, OH BABY...
ONE PUSH OF TH' BUTTON..
NOW!
GUESS WHO LOSES ?
BIG BERTHA
YEAH, THE BOMB'S BEEN GETTIN' BIGGER AND BIGGER! WITH THIS KINDA HARDWARE AIN'T NOTHIN' TO DO IN CASE OF NUCLEAR ATTACK BUT BEND OVER, PUT YOUR HEAD BETWEEN YER KNEES, AND KISS YER ASS GOODBYE!
SOMEHOW I GOT A BAD FEELING...
UP
UP
DO
NOT


IT'S GOTTEN SO OUT OF HAND THAT NEITHER "SIDE" CAN "WIN" AN ALL-OUT NUCLEAR WAR, AND EVERYONE KNOWS IT ... AT LEAST, NOT IF WE USE THE "BIG ONE".
— AND ON EARTH, THE SITUATION CONTINUES TO BE TENSE.... MEANWHILE..
IT'S HARD TO KEEP A GRIP...
THERE ARE NOW ENOUGH ATOMIC WEAPONS TO DESTROY THE WORLD 600 TIMES OVER!
HA HA HA GREAT JIMMY!
HA HA HA CLAP CLAP CLAP
WE ARE BOMBARDED WITH STATISTICS, DEADLY AS GAMMA RAYS. STATISTICS ARE NUMBERS, NOT HUMAN BEINGS...
EXTRA! DOOM QUOTA UP! EXTRA!
ACCEPTABILITY OF NUCLEAR WAR HAS BECOME A MATTER OF MEDIA MANIPULATION...
Here, Mabel, this acceptable
NEVER!
AIEEE!
..RECENTLY WE'VE BEEN INTRODUCED TO THE CONCEPT OF "LIMITED NUCLEAR WAR"..OVER THERE, OF COURSE...
BUT WHY WORRY ABOUT CANCER?
FUCKIT! I'M GOIN' TO TH' DISCO!
HOLD ON, DONALD!
WAK!
DO THE FUNKY DUCK, DONALD.
THIS IS FOR YOUR OWN GOOD, DONALD!
JUST BREATHE DEEP
WRRR..
THEY'LL COME UP WITH A CURE!

SO NOW WE GOT THE NEUTRON BOMB. JESUS! AT LEAST WITH THE A-BOMB WE KNEW IT WOULD ALL BE OVER IN A FEW SECONDS.. NOW THEY'VE EVEN TAKEN THAT AWAY FROM US. GAMMA DEATH RAY DEVICES ACCURATE A HALF A WORLD AWAY... AND THE TOILETS WILL STILL FLUSH FOR THE INVADING FORCES.. IT'S A BRAVE NEW WORLD.

HEY, SOME O' THESE ONES AIN'T DEAD YET.

WELL, GIVE 'EM, FORTY-FIVE MINITS AN' SEND IN TH' CLEANUP CREW.

LITTER

IT AIN'T GONNA STOP THERE, EITHER. IF THE ARMS BOYS ARE NOTHIN' ELSE, THEY'RE CLEVER. WHO KNOWS WHAT DIABOLICAL NEW DEVICES WE'LL SEE IN THE FUTURE? BETTER SHARPEN YOUR BUCK KNIVES, HIPPIES.

Russian BK-147 - Low yeild Gamma Radiation Device ① Hundreds of BK-147's land in shopping mall parking lots thruout America ② Device quickly converts ③ into clown-face ice cream truck and ④ Rolls systematically thru American real estate emitting snappy jingle and gamma death rays.

SKRICK

EZZ WRRR

CLUNK KLIK FLIP PWUP

MISTER

MISTER CLOWN FACE SLURPEES

LOOKS LIKE A THREAT TO NATIONAL SECURITY, HOWDY!

SURELY DOES, DOODY!

FWOOSH!

FUNK!

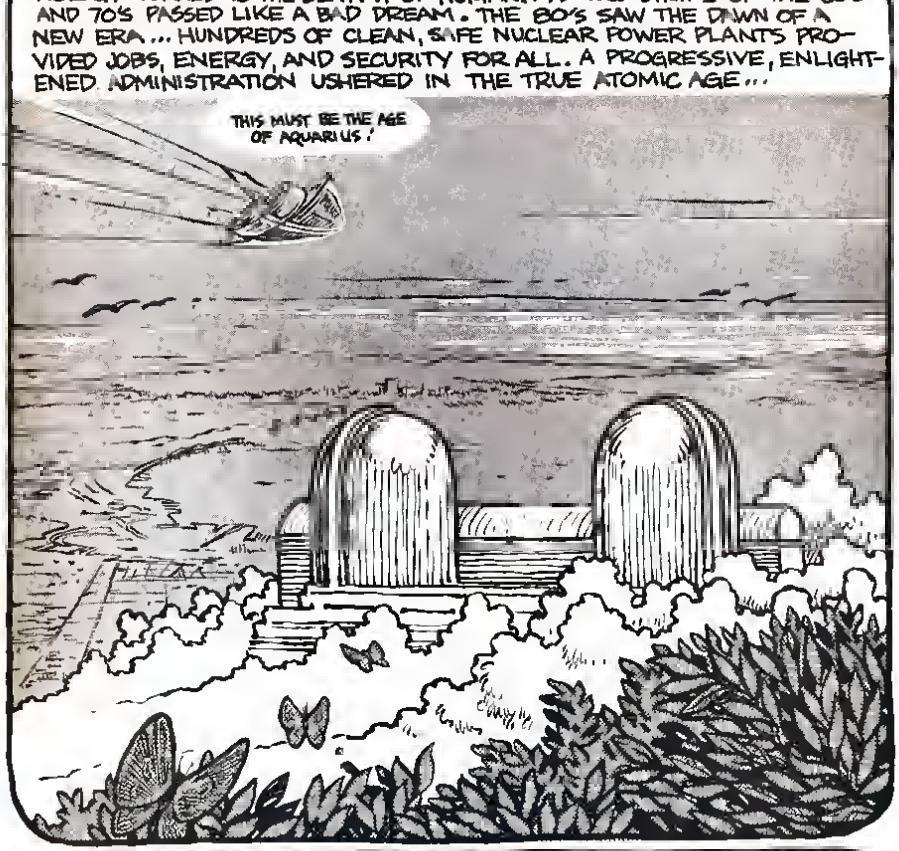
YAA!

10TH ANNUAL LOVE IN

THE DOMESTIC POSSIBILITIES OF LOW-YEILD DEVICES WILL NOT BE IGNORED.

DISARMAMENT? COM'ON! THE DEATH BROKERS AIN'T ABOUT TO GIVE UP THEIR TOYS, MUCH LESS THEIR PROFITS. 'COURSE, THEY HOPE NO ONE WILL EVER HAVE TO USE THEM.. BUT WHY DWELL ON IT? BACK TO OUR TALL TALE...

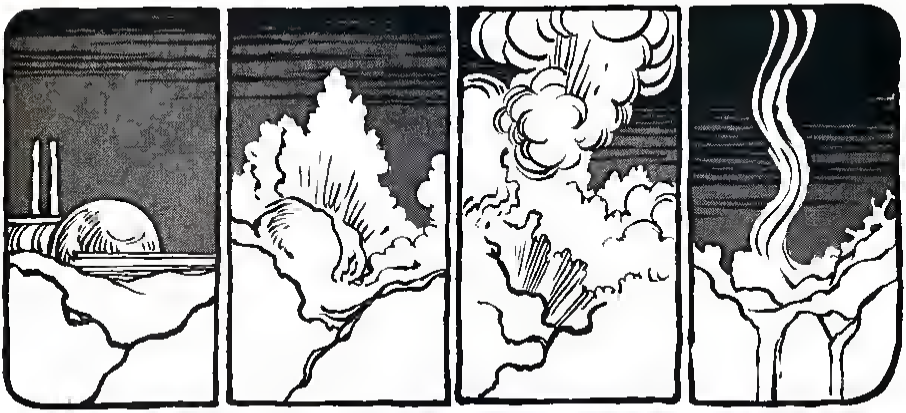
DROP IT

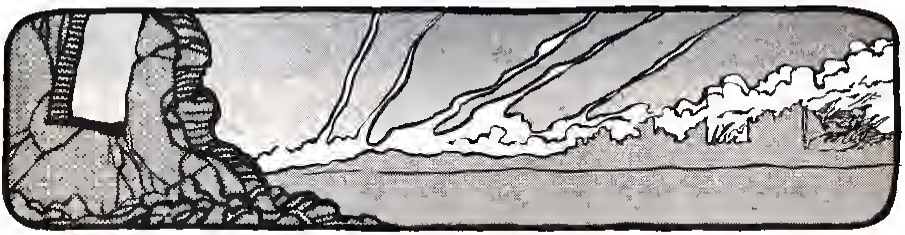

WHY GET OFF ON A BUMMER? LOOK AT THE BRIGHT SIDE. NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY TURNED TO THE BENEFIT OF HUMANITY. THE STRIFE OF THE 60'S AND 70'S PASSED LIKE A BAD DREAM. THE 80'S SAW THE DAWN OF A NEW ERA... HUNDREDS OF CLEAN, SAFE NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS PROVIDED JOBS, ENERGY, AND SECURITY FOR ALL. A PROGRESSIVE, ENLIGHTENED ADMINISTRATION USHERED IN THE TRUE ATOMIC AGE...
THIS MUST BE THE AGE OF AQUARIUS!

THE POISONOUS BI-PRODUCTS OF ECOTOPIA '84 WERE SAFELY DISPOSED OF...

MANKIND LIVING IN A HARMONIUS BALANCE WITH HIS ENVIORNMENT .. A SCHEME WITH A MAJOR FAULT.
RRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRUMMMMMMM
MMBLE!
THE ALIGNMENT OF THE PLANETS, THE WOBBLE OF THE EARTH, THE FORCES BUILDING SINCE 1906... IT ALL SPELLED 9.6 ON THE RICHTER.
KARACK!
CRUNCH!
THE FATE OF THE LATE GREAT GOLDEN STATE.
F-WOOOSH!
KAFLUSH!

NO BOMB EXPLODED OVER THE CITY. NO BOMB SPREAD IT'S WAVE OF POISONOUS DEVASTATION ACROSS THE LAND... YET THE DESTRUCTION WAS AS COMPLETE AS ANY BOMBING. THE FORCES OF NATURE .. THE VISION OF FOOLS ..





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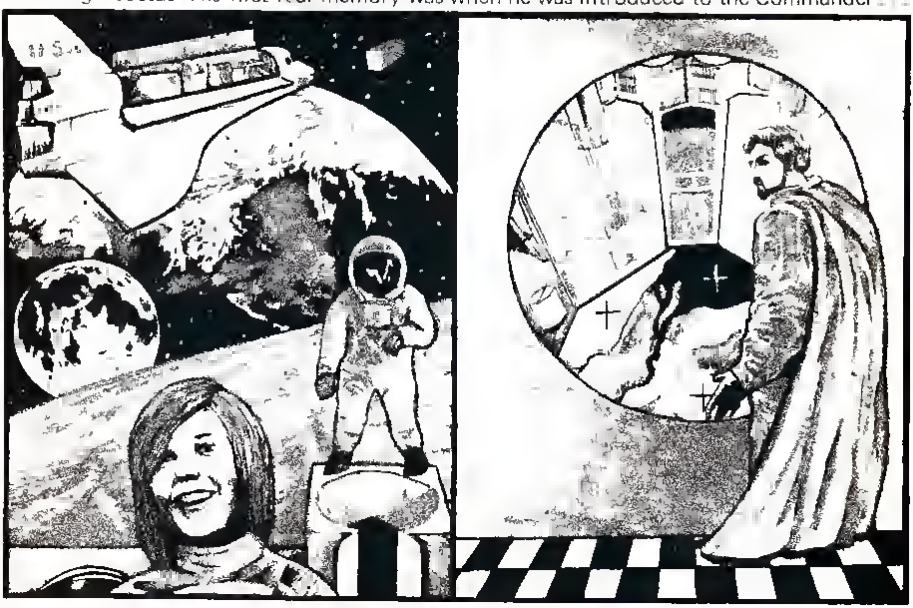
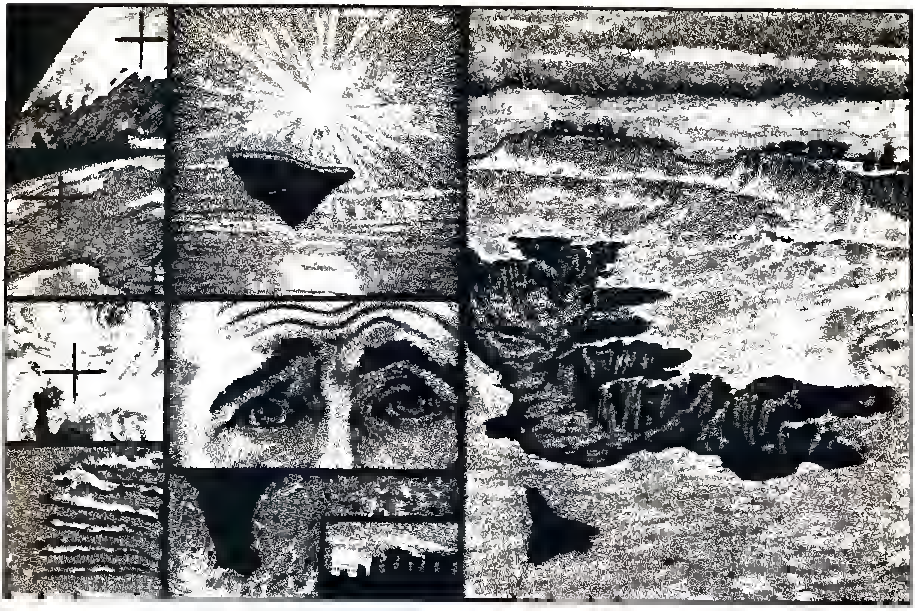
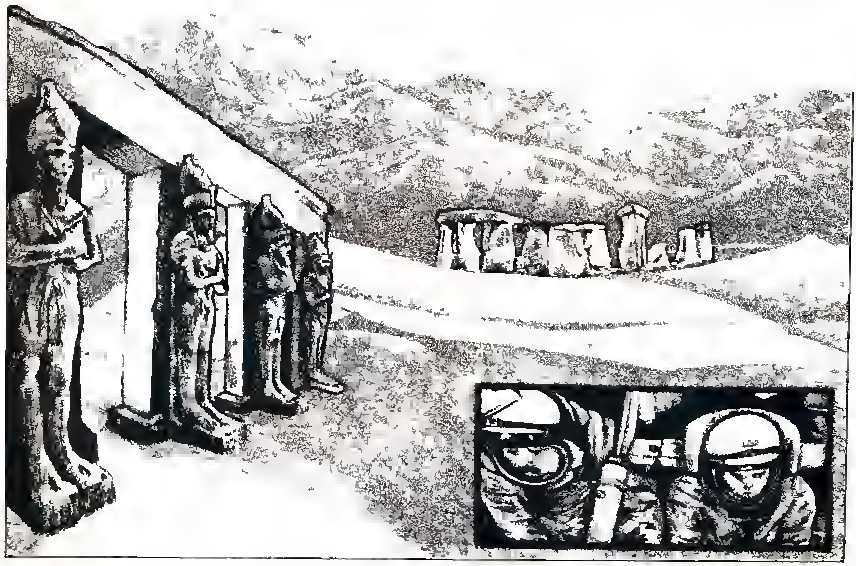
FAUSTUS II

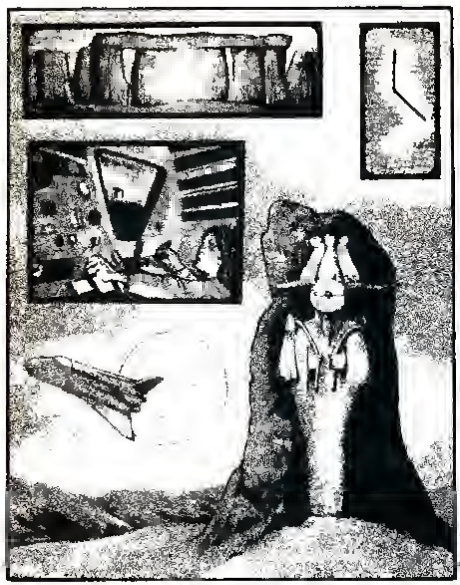
The module containing Faustus had been orbiting for decades. His body had slept while his mind floated on alpha and beta waves. Computers wove subliminal grids in his memory cells. His blood lay as cold as the blackness outside. But his will to survive had forced his mind to dream of a future — a future at any price. And finally it came from behind the moon and sighted him. The space shuttle swallowed a frozen spacecoffin and disgorged a warm and breathing Faustus. His first real memory was when he was introduced to the Commander...



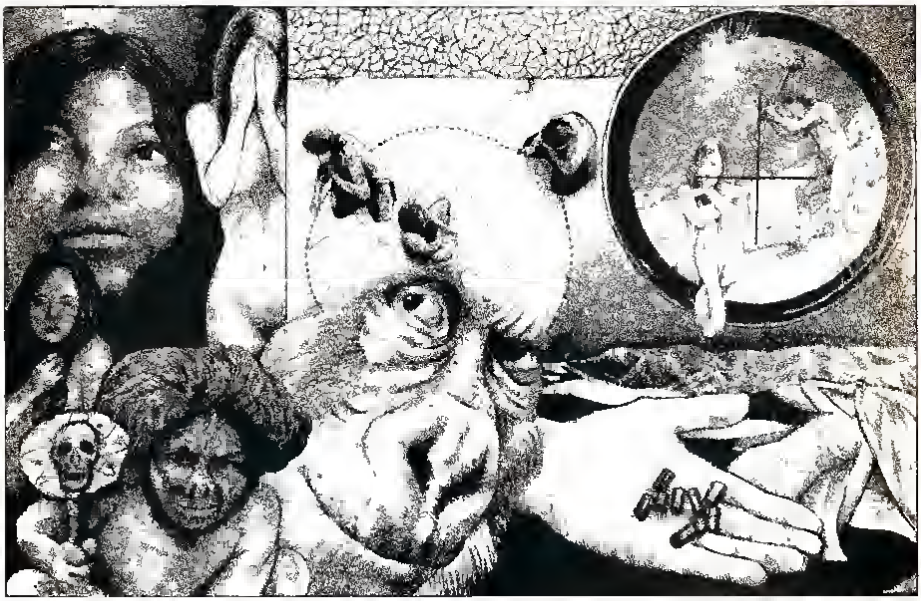


Then the horizon came up fast as the shuttle picked its way through the clouds, and in no time they were skirting water. Mother Earth for the first time. Faustus had reclaimed his birthright. He had never been told why they had denied it for so long. Even the Commander's grim satisfaction at the desolate landscape they soon passed over was lost on Faustus. But his joy was forgotten as they skimmed the surface. The specks on the horizon became ominous shadows, and as they drew close the shadows stood tall as the guardians of a lost world beyond, where the rules of life were suspended, and the logic of destruction reigned supreme.





As they drew nearer the central monument the ship's computers directed their scan pattern. Faustus looked behind every rock for evidence of human life. It was near nightfall when he saw a small group of grim figures marching up the canyon. He saw the girl last, her beauty withering in terror. What happened next took him a long time to understand. The deformed faces, the pathetic ceremonial circle of fire, the execution, the backward state of his world — it was only when he magnified film of that event from the ship's cameras did he see the uranium pellets held by the monsters, and recalled his silent bargain — **A future at any price.**



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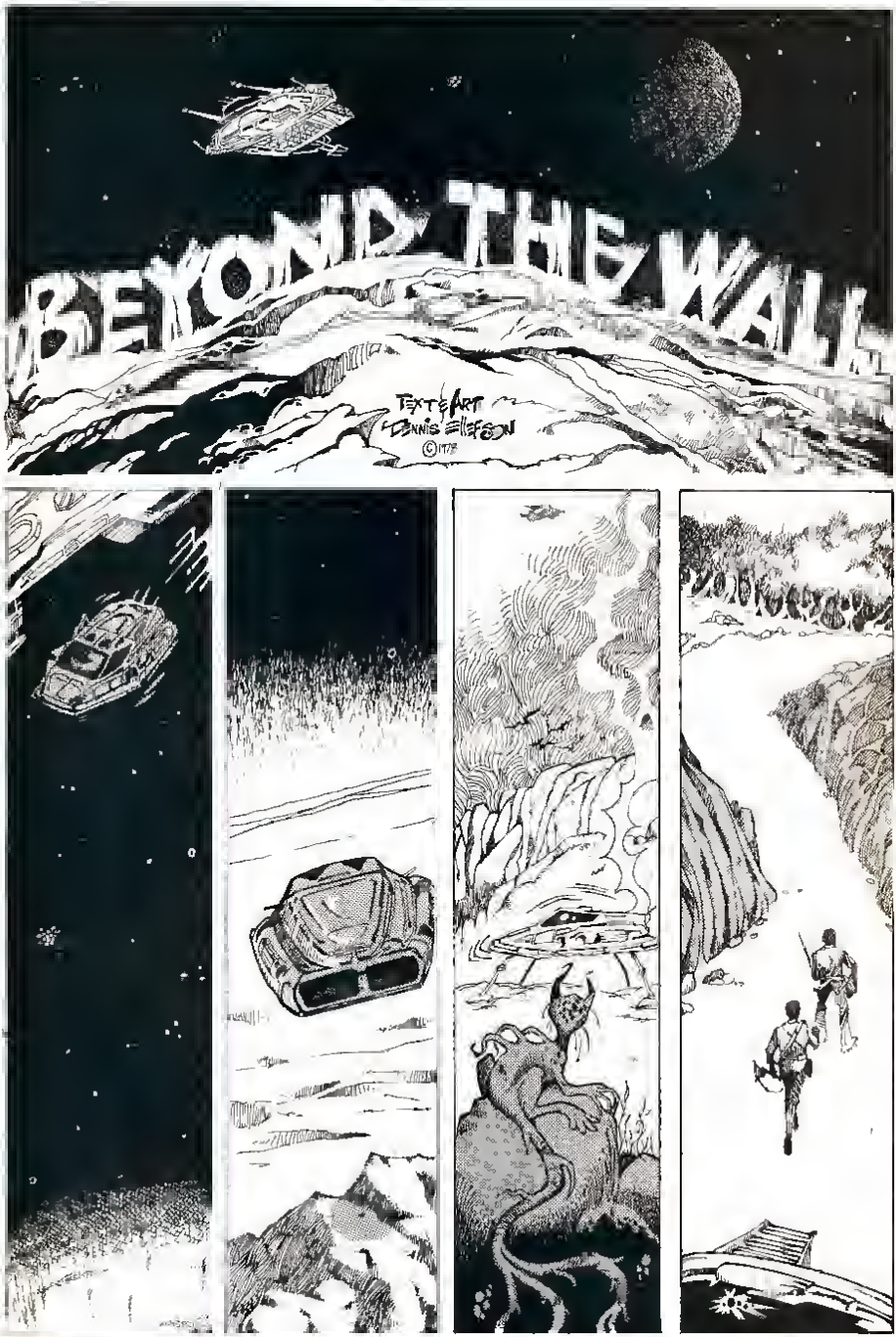
BEYOND THE WALL
TEXT & ART
DENNIS ELLISON
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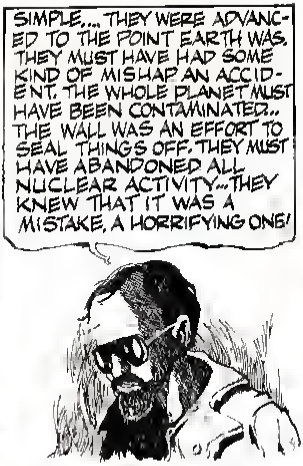
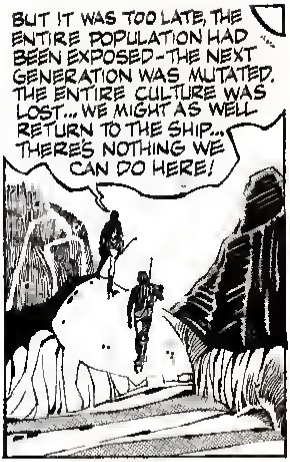
ANOTHER NAMELESS PLANET, PROFESSOR. WONDER WHAT, IF ANYTHING WE'LL FIND HERE... WE'VE FOUND NOTHING ON THE LAST TWO.
YES...
BUT MY SENSORS READ DEFINITE LIFE HERE... SO WE BEST LOOK AROUND.
HARD TO IMAGINE ANY LIFE IN THIS DESOLATE...
BUT THERE IS...
LOOK!
CANT SEEM TO COMMUNICATE WITH THEM ..I DONT THINK THEY SPEAK OR EVEN HEAR.
THEY SEEM PRIMITIVE BUT NOT HOSTILE I DONT THINK WE'LL HAVE ANY PROBLEMS WITH THEM.
LETS SEE WHAT ELSE WE CAN FIND.

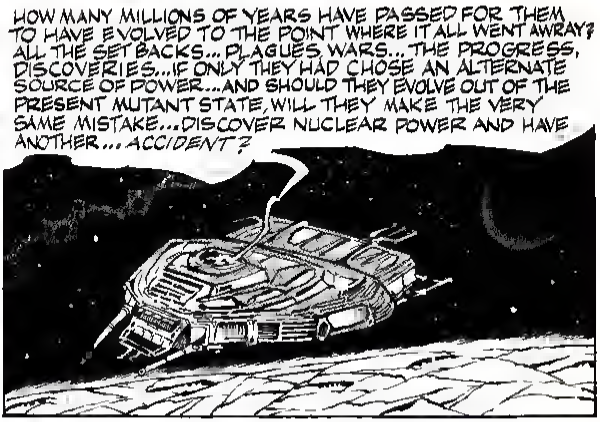
PROFESSOR, LOOK AT THIS!
ISNT IT INCREDIBLE?
YES AND THE CREATURES HERE COULD NOT HAVE DONE THIS!
MY READINGS SAY THIS WALL IS A CRUDE CONCRETE SUBSTANCE WITH A LEAD INTERIOR!
LEAD?
YES, BUT WHY LEAD?
THE ANSWER MIGHT BE ON THE OTHER SIDE, LETS GET BACK TO THE SHUTTLE.
THIS IS GETTING VERY STRANGE!
DO YOU THINK THIS WALL WAS BUILT BY ANOTHER CIVILIZATION PROFESSOR, FAR BEFORE THIS ONE?
THAT'S WHAT I HOPE WE CAN FIND OUT CAPTAIN. WHY THE WALL... WHAT PURPOSE DID IT SERVE?
AT ONE TIME, POSSIBLY THOUSANDS OF YEARS AGO... THIS AREA WAS HIGHLY RADIOACTIVE. ITS SAFE NOW, BUT IT WAS VERY VERY HOT!
I THINK WE HAVE OUR SOLUTION.
IT'S A SHRINE OR A TEMPLE OF SOME KIND.

IT WASNT A SHRINE... THE LAY OUT IS SIMILAR TO THOSE I RECALL FROM LATE 20TH CENTURY HISTORY BOOKS... NO, CAPTAIN... THIS WAS A A NUCLEAR REACTOR!
BUT THOSE BEINGS, HOW COULD THEY...


SIMPLE... THEY WERE ADVANCED TO THE POINT EARTH WAS. THEY MUST HAVE HAD SOME KIND OF MISHAP AN ACCIDENT. THE WHOLE PLANET MUST HAVE BEEN CONTAMINATED... THE WALL WAS AN EFFORT TO SEAL THINGS OFF. THEY MUST HAVE ABANDONED ALL NUCLEAR ACTIVITY... THEY KNEW THAT IT WAS A MISTAKE, A HORRIFYING ONE!


BUT IT WAS TOO LATE, THE ENTIRE POPULATION HAD BEEN EXPOSED - THE NEXT GENERATION WAS MUTATED. THE ENTIRE CULTURE WAS LOST... WE MIGHT AS WELL RETURN TO THE SHIP... THERES NOTHING WE CAN DO HERE!

YOU SEEM QUIET TONIGHT PROFESSOR SOMETHING ON YOUR MIND?
I WAS JUST THINKING.


HOW MANY MILLIONS OF YEARS HAVE PASSED FOR THEM TO HAVE EVOLVED TO THE POINT WHERE IT ALL WENT AWRAY? ALL THE SET BACKS... PLAGUES, WARS... THE PROGRESS, DISCOVERIES... IF ONLY THEY HAD CHOSE AN ALTERNATE SOURCE OF POWER... AND SHOULD THEY EVOLVE OUT OF THE PRESENT MUTANT STATE, WILL THEY MAKE THE VERY SAME MISTAKE... DISCOVER NUCLEAR POWER AND HAVE ANOTHER... ACCIDENT?

I KNOW SIR ... ALL WE CAN DO IS PRAY THAT IF THEY EVER REACH THAT POINT THEY WONT MAKE THE SAME MISTAKE!
YES, CAPTAIN.. LETS HOPE IT DOESNT HAPPEN AGAIN...

..NEXT TIME!
THE END

NOW IT CAN BE TOLD!! IT'S CAPTAIN COBALT AND AC-DC VS. THE LEGIONS OF AUNTIE NUKE AND NALPH VADER IN.....
LIGHTS OUT!
COME ON, AC-DC—WE'VE GOT TO STOP THEM BEFORE THEY PLUNGE THE WORLD INTO.... DARKNESS!!
INJUNCTION
OH YES! WE'VE GOT JUST MILLIONS OF MICRO-WAVE OVENS AND TRASH COMPACTORS DEPENDING ON US!
SIT DOWN, BILLY & SUSIE... WHILE I TELL YOU A STORY!
OBOY, OBOY!
"LIKE" MAN... WE NEED A NEW "GIGSVILLE, DADDY-O"... LIKE, SINCE WE ENGINEERED THE HUMILIATING DEFEAT OF THE U.S. IN VIET-NAM, IT'S BEEN "DRAG-CITY"...
REET! OUR CAMPAIGN TO DRAG THE WORLD INTO GLORIOUS DEPRESSION IS FAILING!
PASS THE "BONGOS."
Once upon a time in the very shadow of our Capitol, a nefarious scheme was hatched.....

WE'VE GOT TO CREATE SOME NEW OBSTACLE TO THE PROGRESS OF THE MERCILESS JUGGERNAUT OF UNBRIDLED CAPITALISM! WE NEED A NEW TARGET!
Less is More
More or Less!
-B Fuller
"DIG" THIS! "ATOMIC PLANT CONSTRUCTION APPROVED!"
"RIGHT ON" "BROTHER"
"GROOVY" "LIKE"!
PASS THE "REEFERS"
BAN EVERY LIKE
THAT'S IT! WE'LL STOP THE CONSTRUCTION OF NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS!
WE CUD CALL IT- "FUCK AN A"... "DIG"?
NO
SOMETIME LATER... AT THE ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION
I'VE CALLED UPON YOU IN DESPERATION....
SOMEONE OR SOMETHING IS OUT TO STOP NUCLEAR ENERGY AND PLUNGE US INTO A NEW DARK AGE!!
DIXIE LEE RADIATION
YOU GENTLEMEN...ER-WHATEVER-KNOW MORE THAN ANYONE ELSE THE BENEFITS OF MASSIVE GENETIC MUTATION! IN FACT, YOU OWE YOUR VERY CONFIGURATIONS TO IT!
I AUTHORIZE YOU TO TAKE ANY STEPS NECESSARY TO COMBAT THIS MENACE AND CONVINCE THE PUBLIC OF THE NECESSITY OF ATOMIC POWER! YOU WILL HAVE THE FULL COOPERATION OF THE F.B.I., C.I.A. THE NETWORKS, FORBES MAGAZINE, & RON TURNER'S "LAST GASP" "ECO-FUNNIES"!
FUCK AN 'A'!
DON'T SAY THAT!
HMPH! YOU SHOULD TALK!
ATOMIC LAVA LAMP

MEANWHILE, THE FORCES OF REGRESSION & IGNORANCE SLITHER INTO ACTION ..... INCITING RIOT!.....
SPE SPY
RADIATION! THAT'S WHAT DID IT!
100 YEAR OLD 2 HEADED SHEEP
GOLLY!
....SPREADING UNFOUNDED RUMORS....
EXTREE!
"WE ALMOS LOST DETROIT" !!!
..MEDDLING IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS....
INDIRA, BABY-EXPLODE THAT A BOMB AND CINCH THE ELECTION- NO SWEAT!
FILTHY BEGGER!
....ESPOUSING WELL KNOWN FALSEHOODS...
THE TUCKER CAR WORKED AND SO WILL SOLAR POWER! SIGN THE PETITION!
Petition
Help Stamp Out Civilization
THEIR TREACHERY KNEW NO LIMITS!
HERE, KID- PUBLISH THIS PAPER ON "HOW TO BUILD YOUR OWN A-BOMB WITH STOLEN PLUTONIUM" AND YOU'LL BE FAMOUS!
CONSERVE! SAVE! CUT BACK! WE NEED NO MORE GENERATING PLANTS!
AJAX IRON LUNG RENTAL
DEPOSIT $25 FOR ONE HOUR
POP!

BUT- THE DIABOLICAL PSEUDO-INTELLECTUAL NIHILISTS ARE COUNTERED WITH A VENGEANCE!
I'LL CONVINCE THE DIE HARD EAST COAST LIBERAL ESTABLISHMENT BY PULLING THE PLUG!
POP!
HALP! WE RUN OUTTA ELECTRICITY!
WE GOTTA GET US SOMEA THEM 'TOMIC PLANTS!
SAY! THAT'S A SWELL IDEAR!
PANIC! LOOT! RIOT! MUG! PILLAGE! HUMP!
...AND IF THAT DOESN'T WORK, I'LL DO IT AGAIN!
...AND ABROAD....
LOOK, FRIEND - IF YOU EMBARGO OIL, YOU CAN NAME YOUR PRICE!
AT SEA, A RASH OF OIL SPILLS SQUEEZES THE SUPPLY EVEN MORE....
OLE!
PUNCH!
VERY SOON....
YOW! OUR OIL FIRED GENERATORS ARE OUT OF OIL!!
PHIZZLE-
OIL
AND SO...
WHAT YOU NEED, MR & MRS AMERICA, IS..... ATOMIC POWER!!

FINALLY— THE INEVITABLE CLASH BETWEEN THE POSITIVE AND JOB CREATING FORCES OF UNLIMITED GROWTH — AND — THE MALEVOLENT, NEGATIVE & DEFEATIST FORCES OF WANT AND DARKNESS!!
LISTEN, FOLKS — DO YOU WANT YOUR UNBORN TO LOOK LIKE 3 HEADED POLLIWOGS? DO YOU WANT TO BE TURNED INTO LUMINESCENT, STEAMING HASH?
REMOTE POSSIBILITIES, OUTWEIGHED BY THE BENEFITS OF AN EVER EXPANDING ECONOMY FUELED BY A HEALTHY, INSATIABLE LUST FOR CONSUMPTION!
WHINE... SNIVEL... WHIMPER.....
BIG RALLY TODAY! GOOD VS. EVIL!
MORE JOBS! MORE OVERTIME! MORE ELECTRIC DOO DADS! WE DESERVE IT!
WELL... THERE'LL BE ANOTHER DAY AND ANOTHER CAUSE...
WE SCUTTLED THE S.S.T. — WHY NOT GET OUR NEW HICK PRESIDENT TO SHOOT DOWN THE B-1 BOMBER?
... AND THEN THERE'S ALWAYS GUN CONTROL!
WOW! THAT WAS A SWELL STORY, DADDY — IS THAT THE END?!
WELL...
NOT EXACTLY, BILLY AND SUSIE...
YES, IT WAS JUST A STORY... BUT IT'S PURPOSE WAS TO ILLUSTRATE JUST ONE BATTLE THAT IS GOING IN AMERICA TODAY.... A BATTLE WHOSE OUTCOME HAS NOT YET BEEN DECIDED! ONLY YOU CAN DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT YOU, JOANIE, LITTLE BILLY, SUSIE AND GOOD OLD SPOT WILL FREEZE IN THE DARK!!
LET'S GO SWIMMING IN OUR GAMMA HEATED POOL, SUSIE!
CHUCK
Come and get it!
WILL YOU AS AN AMERICAN EXERCISE YOUR GOD GIVEN RIGHT TO HEAT YOUR SWIMMING POOL TO BOILING, BURN ALL YOUR LIGHTS, AND DRIVE YOUR WINNEBAGO 2 BLOCKS TO COL. SAUNDERS?
AMERICA — IT'S UP TO YOU!!!
THE END

THE 1980'S FIND JERRY A CHANGED MAN · SUCCESSFUL AND ON THE MOVE! BUT AS THEY SAY "THE MORE THINGS CHANGE, THE MORE THEY STAY THE SAME" AND WHEN DEATH DROPS IN FOR A VISIT HE'S FACED WITH ANOTHER ONE OF THOSE...

CLOSE ENCOUNTERS WITH A BLURRED MIND

NOT DEAD, STUPID! MILLIONS WITH THEIR LIGHTS OUT! OF COURSE THE CAUSE FOR THE LIGHTS GOING OUT WILL KILL PEOPLE; SOME "NATURALLY" OTHERS PRETTY UNNATURALLY. WATCH OUT, JERK!! YOU WANNA HAVE AN ACCIDENT?!
YOUR TIME'S NOT UP JUST YET!
YOU'RE CONFUSING ME! MY TIME'S NOT UP... BUT WHAT ABOUT THOSE OTHER PEOPLE?
SORRY! I FORGOT HOW DENSE YOU ARE. DOES YOUR RADIO WORK?
SURE. WHAT STATION DO YOU WANT?
DOESN'T MATTER.
FIVE POINT SIX ON THE RICHTER SCALE. ACTIVITY IS REPORTED ALONG THE SAN ANDREAS, HAYWARD, RINCONADA AND HOSGRI FAULTS...
EXPERTS WARN THAT MORE TREMORS CAN BE EXPECTED... POSSIBLY OF EVEN GREATER FORCE. IF YOU ARE ON THE ROAD AND...
EARTHQUAKES! IS THAT IT? PEOPLE KILLED BY EARTHQUAKES?
SURE THE QUAKES'LL TAKE SOME, BUT THANKS TO YOU THERE'LL BE LOTS MORE!
WHAT? ME?! WHAT DID I DO?!
YOU'RE DOING IT NOW. YOU DO IT ALL THE TIME!

I'M DOING WHAT?
COOPERATING, BEHAVING LIKE A GOOD BOY, BELIEVING ALL THE "FACTS" BIG CORPORATIONS PROVIDE FOR YOU, LIVING THE AMERICAN CONSUMER LIFESTYLE OF CONSUMPTION AND WASTE.
YOU DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH YOU WARM MY OLD HEART!
OH COME ON! I'VE CHANGED! LOOK! I'M DRIVING AN "ECONOMY" CAR... 55MPH! SOMETIMES I EVEN TAKE THE BUS!
I KNOW, I KNOW, BUT DON'T WORRY, I DON'T HOLD LITTLE THINGS LIKE THAT AGAINST YOU!
THEY ONLY HAVE A SUPERFICIAL EFFECT ON THE CIRCUMSTANCES THAT WILL MAKE THESE 'QUAKES A REAL BONANZA FOR YOURS TRULY. NO, IT'S YOUR HEALTHY ATTITUDE TOWARD ELECTRICITY, MY BOY!
SO I LEAVE A FEW LIGHTS ON, SO WHAT?
ADD THAT TO THE 30 OTHER "NECESSITIES" YOU HAVE AROUND THE HOUSE... YOU'VE HELPED TO CREATE A GIANT DEMAND FOR ENERGY!
WHICH MY POWER COMPANY IS HANDLING NICELY WITH CLEAN, EFFICIENT NUCLEAR POWER!
YOU GOT IT, PAL! OH HOW I LOVE IT WHEN YOU TALK THAT WAY!!
HUH?
THOSE NUCLEAR PLANTS ARE SO BEAUTIFUL!
EVEN IF NOTHING EVER WENT WRONG WITH THEM, THE WASTES THEY PRODUCE WILL RAISE MORE HELL IN THE FUTURE THAN YOU SUCKERS COULD EVER IMAGINE!

BUT THE REAL PAYOFF IS THAT HERE IN SUNNY CAL YOU'VE GOT LOTS OF REACTORS AND LOTS OF ACTIVE FAULTS. YOU WON'T HAVE TO WAIT FOR HUMAN OR MECHANICAL FAILURE... IT'S QUAKE TIME...
AN EARTHQUAKE REGISTERING 6.8 ON THE RICHTER SCALE HAS BEEN RECORDED ON THE HOSGRI FAULT..
AND WE HAVE A WINNER! SAN LUIS OBISPO... DIABLO CANYON REACTOR... 3 MILES FROM THE HOSGRI... RUPTURE... RADIATION SPILL... BINGO!!!
NATIONAL GUARD TROOPS HAVE BEEN MOBILIZED TO AID IN THE EVACUATION OF THE DIABLO CANYON AREA
OH NO!
OH... SORRY, KID. I FORGOT ABOUT YOUR GUILT FEELINGS. YOU THOUGHT BY DOING NOTHING "WRONG" EVERYTHING WOULD TURN OUT "RIGHT". WELL, CHEER UP...
...YOU COULDN'T HAVE DONE ANYTHING BY YOURSELF. MAYBE ORGANIZATION, LOBBYING, BOYCOTTS + CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE WOULD HAVE CHANGED THINGS. BUT SHIT MAN, THAT STUFF TAKES TIME AND WHO'S GOT IT TO WASTE, RIGHT PAL?
COME ON, DON'T GET SO UPSET!
I MEANT TO DO SOMETHING.
SAY... LOOK! A JACK IN THE BOX! LET'S STOP + GRAB SOMETHING HOT BEFORE THE POWER GOES OFF!
JERRY OBEDIENTLY PULLS INTO THE FAST FOOD PLACE.
LET'S GO! I'LL BUY!
I MEANT TO...
SLOWLY... THE END.
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THE COMMON GOOD
Now... that's what I call a full moon!
One fond farewell, Shota!
Another tooth needs your help! Join the Resistance in the Abortion Progress in Ring in the Right to Light! command to your call.